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Volunteer Victoria Walker spends some time with newborn miniature horse Malakye and his mother Noelle as they relax in their stall at the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue in Ridgeway. Noelle and another horse, a quarter horse named Lucky, were dropped off at her doorstep on Dec. 4 of last year. Both horses were extremely malnourished. Noelle was so thin that at first no one realized that she was three months pregnant.

Horse sanctuary welcomes newest resident

Julie Joscak
 QMI Agency Niagara

It was 6 a.m. last Monday when Sharon Allen heard

whinnying coming from the back of her barn.

Checking to see what the commotion was about, she realized quickly

enough. There was a new, tiny and unsteady addition in the last stall — a foal born to Noelle, a miniature horse that had been left in

her driveway last December.

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NEXUS eGate pilot launched at Peace Bridge

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Trusted travellers are getting improved service at the border with the NEXUS program.

Canada's Minister of National Defence and Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson, with the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Steven Blaney announced at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie Monday that Canada and the U.S. are improving NEXUS. Trusted Traveller and Trusted Trader programs.

One of those improvements includes the Electronic Gate, or eGate pilot project, that gives NEXUS users extended service at the Peace Bridge. The project provides service to NEXUS users seven days a week, 24 hours a day in contrast to its usual service from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Monday was the official opening of the eGate pilot project although it unofficially began May 26 and will continue for six months.

The Peace Bridge is the third border crossing where the eGate has been installed. The program is also set up at two crossings in Quebec, in L'Assomption and St. Armand.

Blaney said the new program would make travelling between the U.S. "more fluid for trusted travellers."

During off-peak hours, a border services officer can stay in the office since the lane is equipped with a video surveillance camera and a two-way intercom system.

Blaney said a NEXUS member is required to scan his or her card to pass through the entrance gate and drive up to the booth.

An officer inside the office will question the traveller through the intercom and will raise a second gate once



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Steven Blaney announced improvements to the NEXUS program at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie Monday.

a decision has been made to let the traveller through or refer the traveller for a more detailed inspection.

Blaney said the eGate pilot program is one example of a "long lasting friendship" between Canada and the U.S.

Improving service and the flow of goods between both countries is important because the Canadian Border Services Agency oversees the flow of millions

of visitors to both countries each year, Blaney said.

"The CBSA processed about 3 million vehicles and 5.7 million travellers last year," he added.

Nicholson said the pilot project is "a good fit for Niagara" and it's also important "for the economy in this area."

If the pilot program is successful, it will run at the Peace Bridge full time. Installation of the Nexus

eGate program at other boarding crossings will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

"These improvements further enhance our trade relationship with our U.S. neighbours and highlight our strong commitment to a strong and effective border," Nicholson said.

Blaney also announced the expansion of the Customs Self Assessment Platinum Program which

offers streamlined clearance of goods for low risk, pre-approved companies. Blaney said importers who live in the U.S. or have their head office there are eligible to apply for the CSA importer program. Previously, only non-resident importers in Canada or those with head offices there were eligible for the program.

"Part of the Beyond the Border Action Plan which was announced in 2011 was to make the flow of goods between both countries easy and to stop contraband," Blaney said.

The CBSA also launched the Trusted Trader Portal that allows companies to submit online applications for the Partnership Protection program. The online service allows companies to manage their memberships.

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Emerald ash borer is causing a problem in Niagara

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Certified arborist Andrew Cook says he's fighting a war when it comes to invasive species.

"We're losing a generation of trees," says Cook.

Cook, who runs Andrew's Tree and Shrub Care in Fonthill, says Niagara is losing its "war" with the emerald ash borer, a beetle that attacks all species of true ash trees. The beetle was discovered in Windsor in 2002. The beetle is native to China and eastern Asia.

"About 80% of Fort Erie's tree population is ash tree," Cook explains why he is concerned.

Within a few years' time, Cook predicts a large portion of the town's tree population will be dead. The emerald ash borer hasn't made itself fully known but Cook says time is running out to save ash trees.

"What people don't realize is that this is going to be an environmental disaster."

Cook, a summer resident at Windmill Point Park in Ridgeway, says there is "a safe and natural solution to protect ash trees."

Cook explains he is qualified to inject an insecticide called TreeAzin to help control the emerald ash borer. The insecticide was developed by the Canadian Forest Service in partnership with BioForest Technologies.

TreeAzin can only be injected

into ash trees between May 1 to Aug. 31 as a preventative measure.

Once a tree has been infested,

Cook says it will die within two years. And after an ash tree dies,

it becomes dangerous.

"When an ash tree dies, they fall over pretty fast."

Cook says it's also more cost effective and environmentally friendly to protect trees rather than cutting them down.

"In the end, it will cost you more to cut down and plant a new one in its place. It takes about 30 to 40 years for a tree to fully mature."

For more information about how to stop the spread of the emerald ash borer, call Cook at 905-327-4121.

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Signs and symptoms of emerald ash borer

- Tree crown thins until bare shoots grow from roots and trunk
- Bark splits creating vertical cracks
- The emerald ash borer beetle emerges, forming D-shaped exit holes
- Larvae form S-shaped feeding galleries
- Woodpecker feeding activity increases, creating large holes

Certified arborist Andrew Cook injected his tree with an insecticide called TreeAzin. The all-natural insecticide will protect the tree at his site in Windmill Point Park from the emerald ash borer.

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Sanctuary is in need of support from the community

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Allen runs Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue, a non-profit charity in Ridgeway that cares for horses that are abandoned or mistreated by former owners.

"She was a solid blanket of burns," recalls Allen of the day she found Noelle, motioning toward the now healthy mare. "She had burns in her eyes, she was full of rain rot."

Noelle and a quarter-horse named Lucky were dropped off at her doorstep Dec. 4 last year. Both horses were emaciated, so thin that Allen was unaware Noelle was 31/2 months pregnant at that time.

"This guy," said Allen, motioning toward the stall next to Noelle's that houses Lucky, "was skin and bones. It's a wonder he came out OK, but he certainly did. He's very healthy."

It was him who was whining Monday morning, alerting Allen to the birth of Malakye.

Two days later, the small equine was unhesitatingly doing his best to welcome his mother and greet the human visitors to his stall.

Scratching an itch on his neck with his back leg proved a little too difficult for him at one point, and he

tumbled in a full somersault when his equilibrium failed.

Quickly regaining his footing, his little tail swished back and forth, almost dog-like.

"The first day, it was so funny. When he nursed, his back feet would come up and he'd fall over," chuckles Allen.

The paddocks of the small Ridgeway farm are full of animals, each with their own story about how and why they came to call the Last Chance farm home.

The rescued animals are brought back to health, then rehabilitated. It's difficult to teach a animal to trust again after it was mistreated, but Allen knows what she is doing.

Sitting on the floor of the stall, hands reach out to stroke Noelle's new baby while Noelle stands by, calmly looking on.

Malakye is the centre of attention.

He stands only about two feet tall at the shoulders and isn't much taller if at all — an average German shepherd. But that is part of his breed. Allen says the concave shape of his forehead indicates that he is a miniature horse, and when fully grown he'll likely be 34 to 38 inches tall.

"We rescue the animals, rehabilitate them, then put them into programs for the community," said Allen.

The programs include visits from clients at Community Living, respite care for young people and therapy visits to nursing homes. They provide more of change. In addition, the Last Chance also holds a summer camp and gives riding lessons.

The farm has an open-door policy for equine drop-offs, although the stalls are not limited to horses and ponies. They also have a goat and donkey that call the Last Chance home.

"I'm trying to him for nursing horses," said Allen. "He's going to be quite the character, I think. He's had a lot of handling ... they are great therapy for the seniors."

Running a charity that depends solely on donations is a challenge. Currently, Allen does not have enough hay to last the winter and is need of volunteer donations and sponsorships.

"We do need help with donations," she says. "We're trying to get our hay in for the winter."

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Noelle at the Last Chance Horse and
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Learn more about food security

Health promoter Rhonda Barron is inviting the public to attend a community meal on Saturday at St. Andrew's Church.

Attended can learn more about a partnership between the United Way to improve the community kitchen at the Fort Erie Salvation Army to offer cooking classes. The project has received about \$25,000 in funding to move forward.

"We're trying to figure out how best to leverage those dollars. We want to expand the kitchen (at the Salvation Army) and make it a true teaching kitchen," she said.

The community meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Town to ask Nicholson to advocate for Ridgeway Nine

The Town of Fort Erie would like to see the Ridgeway Nine Canada's National Blocks of Reference selected. Ward 4 Councillor John Hill proposed a motion asking MP Rob Nicholson to act as an advocate on behalf of the Town of Fort Erie to include the Ridgeway Nine. Council approved the motion during Monday night's council meeting and will draft a letter to Nicholson.

Hill said the honour is "long overdue" and to date, there have been no action of acknowledgement by the federal government of the Ridgeway Nine.

Fort Erie Race Track hosts Prince of Wales stakes

The Prince of Wales tournament will take place on Tuesday, July 2, at Fort Erie Race Track.

For the first time in the race's history TSN will be broadcasting the event live for coverage of the 7:40 p.m. finals.

Contending in this year's Prince of Wales are fourth place Sam E Davis Stakes and seventh place Queen's Plate winner Metador and newcomer to the Canadian Triple Crown East Side, both trained by Mark Casse.

Recent contender at the Queen's Plate, Lions Bay, trainer Jaime Attard and rider Dave Moran will be training in the week leading up to the event.

Along side the other contenders will ride Ascot Martin, with trainer Mike Keogh and first-time riding partner Jesse Campbell. Keogh is confident that "the long stretch at Fort Erie will suit him well."

Keogh previously won the Prince of Wales in 2003 with the great Wando.

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letters to the editor

Ash trees must be protected, not cut down

Dear Editor,

It's very disturbing to me that some city arborists and managers in the Niagara region have recommended the removal of all true ash trees to their councillors and homeowners.

Renewal planting of young trees is always a

good idea but removing large, healthy trees to be replaced by young immature trees is not. Especially when there are facts and studies available that prove many trees can be saved.

For example, the Town of Oakville began treating their ash tree population in 2008 through 2009 with a natural systemic insecticide that is safe, effective and affordable called TreeAzin.

This product was developed by the Canadian Forest Service in collaboration with BioForest Technologies in Sault Ste. Marie. These groups are truly responsible stewards of our forests.

TreeAzin is produced in Canada from Neem Tree seed extracts and is

injected into the trunk from May to August every two years.

A long-term study of the Town of Oakville showed 94% of the trees treated with TreeAzin were healthy at the end of 2013.

This is a successful model for other municipalities to follow.

Preserving our urban forests should not be an option. It should be a priority for many reasons.

Fact: large urban trees provide lower outdoor temperature and save on cooling costs for buildings.

Fact: they act as wind break, lowering heating costs.

Fact: Large trees absorb more rain water than young trees, reducing

run-off.

Fact: Large trees provide shelter for wildlife, and provide oxygen abundantly and remove toxins and carbon monoxide from our air more efficiently than young trees.

Fact: It can take 30 or 40 years for young trees to give us these benefits we already have.

These facts considered, aren't they worth saving?

Welland city arborist Aurelio Magazzini was quoted in a local newspaper in March that it is in every best interest to removed all ash trees. Certified arborists are supposed to foster a greater public awareness of the benefits of trees, not tree removal.

Emerald Ash Borer, the invasive beetle that is devastating our forests, was discovered in Windsor in 2002.

Niagara's municipalities knew it was only a matter of time but had years to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with the problem prior to its arrival.

Not all true ash trees can be saved but many can, and it is proven.

Recently, the Town of Lincoln put forth a request for tenders on an Emerald Ash Borer treatment program.

Sadly, this plan doesn't include treating any ash trees. Isn't treatment the optimal word?

This plan calls for the removal of 300 ash trees to be replaced by 125 young trees of different

species. Well down. Chainsaws are not treatments.

It will cost more to remove and replace them unless you only replace a little more than third of what you remove as being done at the Town of Lincoln.

People who make decisions while ignoring the facts cannot call themselves responsible stewards of the urban forest—just poor decision makers.

Preservation is more economical and responsible than removal.

*Andrew Cook
Certified arborist
Fonthill*



Do You Remember?

To right, John Dobson and Cecil Brown. Front row left to right, Eugene Dexter, unknown woman, and Roy Moore. This event was probably held at the Italian Hall anywhere between 1979 and 1981.

Thanks as well to Bev Arbour for phoning in about the previous week's photo of William Morris serving on the HMCS

Cornwallis. This week's photo has a clue on the back: a presentation of a donation for cystic fibrosis. Does anyone remember the OPP officer's name or the name of the gentleman in the bow tie?

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opinion page

Library screens films for movie lovers of all ages

There are good movies for all ages, playing all summer long at the Fort Erie Public Library.

It is a pleasure to spend an hour or two in air-conditioned comfort at the Centennial branch on Monday and Thursday evenings, Friday mornings and Saturday afternoons, or at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Each film admission is just \$3.

Based on Margaret Atwood's best-selling book Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth, the documentary film Payback offers a fascinating look at debt, tracing how it influences relationships, societies, and the very fate of the planet.

The movie explores the link between debtor and creditor in a variety of contexts, from northern



Amy Roe buck
Fort Erie Public Library

Albania to southern Florida, offering compelling stories of owing and being owed along with the insights of renowned thinkers.

Payback will be offered tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, and Tuesday, July 29 at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch.

Both the book and the movie are available in the library collection. Visit any branch or www.fepl.ca to place a hold.

Epic is an action-adventure comedy for children and families that chronicles an ongoing battle in a magical forest between the forces of good and evil.

When a teenage girl finds herself transported into this secret universe, she must join a team of unusual characters in order to save her world—and ours. Epic uses the voice talents of Beyoncé, Josh Hutcherson, Colin Farrell and Amanda Seyfried, and is screened at the Centennial branch on Friday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m. and on Saturday, July 26 at 2:30 p.m.

WalkingWithDinosaurs enables audiences to see what it was like when dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Recent discoveries and a breakthrough in technology will introduce new and unique dino-

saursa in this a children's animated action-adventure. Dinosaurs will play at the Crystal Ridge branch on Wednesday, July 30 at 2:30 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1 and 2 at the Centennial branch.

Great Beauty is a mix of adult comedy and drama, presented in Italian with English subtitles.

A journalist has charmed his way through Rome's nightlife for decades, but his sixty-fifth birthday and a shock from the past lead our hero to take stock of his life, turn his wit on himself and his friends, and look past the extravagant nightclubs and parties to find Rome in all its glory: a timeless landscape of absurd, exquisite beauty. Please note that this film is rated 14A for sexual content and the use of

expletives. Great Beauty is offered at the Centennial branch on Thursday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, and on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Crystal Ridge.

There are three weeks of EurekaSpace, Eureka, Jr. and Google MakerCamp fun for children and teens, offered at all three library branches. Visit our website or ask at any branch for details. Summer Reading continues throughout the month of August, and it is never too late to sign up.

The August long weekend is coming up. What is your summer project? Is it gardening, bird-watching, building a deck or treehouse, maintaining a pool, or do you plan to simply relax in your backyard or cottage? Whatever it may be, you

can find help, advice or instructions at the library. Visit the Centennial branch for a display of books on a wealth of summer fun and hobbies. Including:

Lawnspiring with Stone by Pet Sagui, Garden Projects in a Weekend by Ali Ward, or even The Great Lakes Beer Guide by Jamie MacKinnon. Visit the website www.fepl.ca under electronic resources, #Do It Yourself for a "Gardening, Horticulture and Landscaping" collection.

Please note that while all branches of the library will be closed on Monday, Aug. 4 for the Civic Holiday, the website is always open.

Amy Roe buck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Remembering old friends and favourite birds

What a man! The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh.

For ninety-five years we had Ross Beans.

An amazing man to many of us.

To me he personified endurance and a sharp mind.

In the years I was his neighbour he continually amazed me.

I grew up with the late Bert Miller and my father Perc grafting fruit trees at Bert's Fort Erie Highland Ave. home.

Ross showed us his grafting skills and innovative techniques by using bicycle tire tubing to support and protect the grafts. It worked well. Ross was always innovative.

He showed me where he grafted two variety of apples on a pear stalk.



Earl Plato

Possible?

Yes, Ross did it!

When we first moved in beside him on Ridge Rd. I watched a man energy personified.'

Ross planted a tree on his 10 acre estate. Then he ran to another site and planted a second tree.

I watched as he continually planted trees hour after hour! I was tired just

watching this then elderly man work.

Ross encouraged our gardening skills and allowed us a good place on his property to grow our vegetables. Ross loved God's creation.

Ross and his late wife, Rose, were great neighbours. Michelle Bears, his wife for many years, experienced together great travel locations. She kept this remarkable young. Thanks Michelle.

Ross was an accomplished horticulturist Ontario wide. A man for many seasons. Good memories of an outstanding individual. Rest your soul, friend.

Do you have a favourite bird, insect, or plant? The Osprey is a favourite bird of mine.

Ron Goodridge, local amateur photographer sent me great photos of the Berlin Road ospreys last year. I have followed this bird over the years. Let me give a little of my background regarding this bird also called

The 'fish hawk.' I saw my first ospreys at Lakefield north of Peterborough. It was a Victoria Day weekend at the Stan Burger Resort. One evening after our work cleaning up the area we heard out in a corner. There at the end of the point to the north was a large nest. Two of the largest birds I had ever seen as a fourteen year old were circling the nest. Ospreys! They were permanent residents there for many years. To watch these birds fish was quite a sight.



An osprey.

My young family, three children at that time, were at Buffalo Museum of Science, Good wife, Elaine, took the children while I sat down and sketched the osprey on display. I had that drawing for many years. In recent years the late Bob Chambers and I saw up close a pair of ospreys on their nest on the Grand River.

My greatest sightings

were near Irwin Lodge in the Kawartha Lake District. Plenty of these beautiful birds. The son's owner took us on an extensive boat ride visiting various nest sites. Memorable time for an osprey lover.

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Passero runs for mayor

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

According to Stephen Passero, the most important quality in a mayor is leadership.

"I would say the most important responsibility (for a mayor) is to be a leader and assist his or her councillors in achieving the results they want for their constituents," he said.

With one term of service as Fort Erie's ward 4 councillor under his belt, Passero feels he is up to the task of leading the community. That's why Passero registered his candidacy for mayor Tuesday morning.

"I think when people look at my resume as it unfolds what I have done in the community, my accomplishments will stand up against any others," he said.

"As a current member of council I have seen the highs and lows and I am in tune and in touch with all major projects and stakeholders. I have experience in today's economic climate, and the issues currently facing our town."

The mayoral candidate said he is looking forward to beginning his campaign. He will be holding a reception on July 30 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre at 7 p.m.

Passero encourages everyone to platform.

"I will be outlining my strategy to lead our town as we proceed through this election campaign. I encourage everyone to provide feedback on my ideas and share with me their own," Passero said.

"I'm looking forward to seeing friends, family, and many supporters from organizations, the business community, the people I've interacted with, and the people the people who don't know me."

Passero described himself as a "staunch advocate for fiscally responsible government" with "an emphasis on growth and lower taxation."

Fellow candidates vying for the mayor's seat include former councillor and Ridgeway resident Richard Berry and Wayne Redekop, who served three terms on council from 1997 to 2006.



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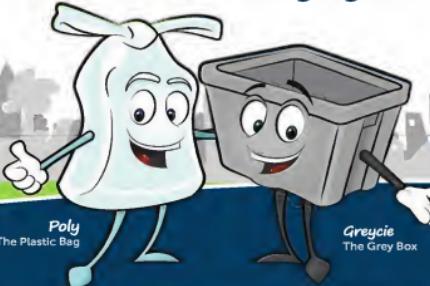
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Representatives of the Arts and Culture Alliance of Fort Erie, which include the Fort Erie Arts Council, the Heritage Arts Legacy and Garrison Little Theatre, unveiled its new web site to councilors during Monday's council meeting. The organization promotes arts and culture in Fort Erie. For more information about ACAFE visit online at www.acafe.ca.

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Politicians call again for end to deer hunts

Rob Houle
OMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Region is again calling for an end to deer hunts in Short Hills Provincial Park.

Citing concerns for public safety, regional councillors on the corporate services committee voted recently to send a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources requesting it not allow future hunts.

The region has in the past written letters to the premier and minister of natural resources stating its opposition to hunting in the 680-hectare park.

Through a long-standing treaty agreement, Haudenosaunee aboriginal hunters have been allowed into the closed park to kill deer with bows and arrows. A first hunt in the park took place in four days in January 2013 and a second was held for eight days in November 2013.

The committee decision came after a presentation from Short Hills Wildlife Alliance members Robin Zavitz and Sheila Krekorian, who have opposed the hunt from the start.

Zavitz, whose Roland Rd. property abuts the park, referred many concerns she expressed to ministry officials. In May a native hunter on her property, despite the fact the MNR created a no-hunt buffer zone between the park and private property, a wounded deer found on a

neighbour's land, and an arrow lodged in a tree on her property she said was not there prior to the November hunt.

The MNR said in May an investigation by it and Niagara Regional Police found no evidence of hunters trespassing on private property.

"The only thing that I can see that would be safe, is to stop the hunt in Short Hills park. And I want to ask council if they will do that with whatever persuasion, clout, legal tools or whatever we have available," Krekorian said.

"We have shown that the MNR cannot secure the park, cannot control the activities of the hunters and cannot provide for public safety."

Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, the co-chair of the corporate services committee, noted the MNR beefed up security at the park on the hunt's last day in November.

"My read of it is that it is not 'work,'" he said.

He tabled a motion to forward wildlife alliance documents to the MNR and to ask the ministry to put an end to the hunts because of safety concerns.

"I think the evidence is compelling that the Ministry of Natural Resources cannot guarantee public safety. It's just impossible," Augustyn said.

St. Catharines Coun. Bruce Timms agreed.

"For me, it's simply a matter of public safety. There does not appear to be any



BOB TYMCZYSZYN OMI Agency Niagara

A deer in Short Hills Provincial Park, in this file photo.

way to make this hunt safe," he said.

After Timms spoke, Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway, seconded by Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson,

moved to limit talk on the motion by asking the chair to put it to a vote.

"Are you serious?" St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski said when the

majority of the committee agreed with Badaway. "That is brutal."

"Keep the soapbox for the lobby," Badaway said to Petrowski.

Committee members passed Augustyn's motion, though it now needs approval of council-of-the-whole.

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Gates invites Wynne to a day at the races

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates has extended an invitation for Premier Kathleen Wynne to visit the Fort Erie Race Track.

"I've sent a letter to the premier asking her to visit the

track because I feel it's important," Gates said.

He is invited along to the racetrack on July 29 when it will host the 79th Prince of Wales Stakes, the second jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown.

"On this day, anywhere from 10,000 to 12,000 people will

be watching the races," Gates said.

Over the course of the last six months, the MPP has gone door to door in the Niagara Falls riding to talk to his constituents. Many residents told him they "want to see their communities thriving again."

In Fort Erie, Gates said residents want to see the race-

track renewed again, but it can't happen on its own.

Gates believes the track is "an important" and "if the premier visits Fort Erie, she will be able to see how the racetrack provides about 1,000 jobs in the community."

"It's a real opportunity to show off what we have to offer," Gates said.

of the racetrack and how it impacts the local community. "It's important" and "if the premier visits Fort Erie, she will be able to see how the racetrack provides about 1,000 jobs in the community."

"This is a real opportunity to show off what we have to offer," Gates said.

Gates thinks a long-term solution for the racetrack is to "work to build a stronger economy." For Erie by attracting businesses and securing jobs.

"We must reverse the trend of empty plazas and high unemployment and get new business into empty storefronts," he added.

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Behind the scenes at Old Bank Bistro

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Just footsteps away from a scenic view of the Niagara River, a building that was a bank in the 1920s is where you can find The Old Bank Bistro.

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Quality ingredients, quality food, great service and affordable prices is what The Old Bank Bistro dishes out.

Peter takes me into the kitchen, where he prepares a fish dish featuring rainbow trout. The rainbow trout comes from the waters around Manitoulin Island. To prepare for the grill Peter keeps it simple - just a little bit of vegetable oil, salt and pepper.



Niagara Dines host Joe Crawford, left, greets Chef Peter, right, of Old Bank Bistro of Fort Erie.

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"You'll know when the fish is ready to come off the grill as it starts to curl around the edges," he says. Just before placing it into the oven Peter squirts some lemon on it and puts in the oven at 450 degrees.

Peter shows me the finished rainbow trout before plating it and I have to get out of the way as the juices and oils of the fish are so finely they are spraying from the platter. The fish is served with

a side of salad and potatoes. It tastes so tender and melts in your mouth.

The next dish Peter shows me is their surf and turf - lobster tail and steak.

The lobsters come in from PEI and the steaks are from Alberta.

The Old Bank Bistro keeps it all Canadian. The steak goes through the meat grinder and is then pan-fried to medium-well. Peter cuts open the lobster tail and pulls it out for show. The lobster tail is then seasoned and squirited with lemon juice. It goes in the oven for about seven minutes on 400°.

The aroma of grilled steak and baked lobster tail is tremendous and I can't wait to dig in and taste the entree. Surf and turf come together on a plate filled with mashed potatoes and onions topped off with crispy flour-coated onions.

You don't even need to eat sauce on the steak," I exclaimed as the meat melted in my mouth with a burst of delicious flavour.

After all that cooking I decide to sit down with a couple custom-

ers and enjoy some Bager Foods - chicken wings and bruschetta bread. To find out more info of The Old Bank Bistro check out their website at www.oldbankbistro.com.



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Filly with ties to Fort Erie wins Queen's Plate

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A filly with ties to Fort Erie is quickly making a name for herself in the horse racing industry.

Lexi Lou won her first Queen's Plate victory at the beginning of this month.

"It was definitely mixed emotions for us," said Fort Erie resident Gord Ross.

The filly was named after his daughter, three-year-old Lexie Ross.

Gord's father John Ross, who trains horses at Woodbine, purchased the filly in 2012 for \$5,500. Lexi Lou was only a year old.

John sold Lexi Lou for \$400,000 last year to fellow horse trainer Mark Casse, who went on to win the Queen's Plate with the filly.

"We were happy Lexie

Lou won. There was a huge sense of pride for us. I wish she was still ours," Gord said.

Gord added his daughter's namesake has gone on to win about \$1.1 million during her career as a racehorse.

"Lexi Lou has gone on to do such great things and my father can never use that name again because it is so special."

Gord's wife, Shannon doesn't realize her namesake is quickly becoming part of horseracing history.

"Lexi still doesn't understand what's happening with Lexi Lou. She has no idea about money. She just thinks she's going to go see horses," Shannon said.

John is currently training the horse that he has named after Lexie's sister, five-

month-old Brooklyn. His new horse is named Brooklynsway.

Gord was disappointed to learn that Lexie Lou won't be racing in the Princess of Wales Stakes at Fort Erie Race Track on July 29. This will be the fourth year in a row that the Plate winner didn't compete in the Prince of Wales.

"I would have done the same thing. I wouldn't have let Lexi Lou race at Fort Erie because she has run two really big races. She needs to rest," Gord said.

Lexie Lou also took first place at Woodbine Oaks while Lexie was in training.

"Still, we would have liked to have seen Lexie Lou race. We are her biggest fans. She's still a part of our family."

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From left, Gord Ross and his two daughters, Lexie, three, and five-month old Brooklyn view a picture of this year's Queen's Plate winner Lexie Lou. The filly is named after Ross' daughter, Lexie.

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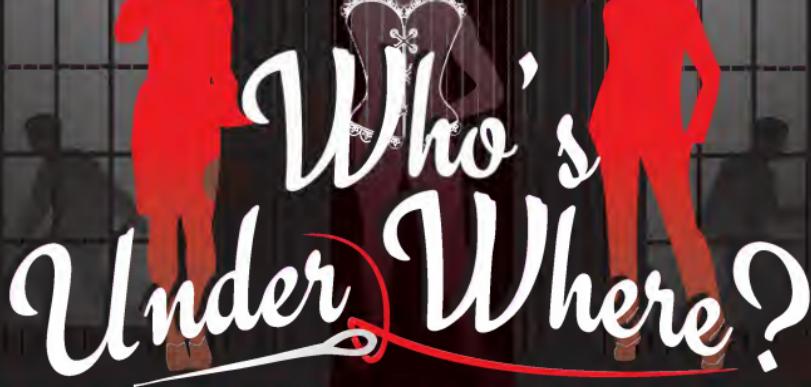
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Nigerian artist brings message of peace and acceptance

UN Ambassador visits Sanctuary

**Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times**

Ibinyinka Alao uses his art to teach the world about peace, understanding and acceptance.

The Nigerian artist visited the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts on Ridgeway last Tuesday to share his special message.

Alao was chosen to be an Ambassador of Peace after he received first place in the United Nations International Art Competition in 2001. The competition featured artists from 61 countries.

Since he won the prestigious United Nations art competition, Alao has traveled all over the world, speaking at schools, conferences and community centres to advocate for

peace and understanding. He illustrates his message through his artwork.

He said his paintings are typically bright in colour and express ideas of peace, hope, love and joy.

Alao brought a painting of which he calls "true Miracles" to the Sanctuary with him. He said the painting represents the "miracles" that people experience in life.

The painting depicts the life of an oyster and the process it goes through to make a pearl.

Alao said an oyster makes "a beautiful pearl through dirt and enzymes."

"Instead of thinking about how people irritate us, we should learn for-giveness and out of that forgiveness we make a pearl," he said.

Alao never imagined his art would take him around the world.

"I'm an architect by training but I saw an arti-

cle in a newspaper about the United Nations art competition."

He was trained at the Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

Alao entered the competition "not expecting anything."

"But the competition has opened a lot of doors for me," he said.

Alao also made a stop at St. Catharines at the Niagara Creative Arts Centre where he held a painting workshop with children last Tuesday afternoon.

For more information about Alao visit his website at www.ibinyinka.com.

SARAH FERGUSON

Fort Erie Times

Ibinyinka Alao, a Nigerian artist, visited the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts last Tuesday to share his message of peace and acceptance which he demonstrates through his art.



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Dan Harkins, left, wanted to do something to make a difference in the community so he organized a door to door fundraiser and put a call out for residents to give donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene products and frozen foods. On Monday, Harkins, accompanied by his friend Craig Stolt, right, and Stolt's 12 year-old son Quinn Stolt to collect all of the donations which were delivered to Community Program Outreach Erie, a local non-profit organization that services Greater Fort Erie. Harkins collected food and other items from about 50 homes. He said COPE is still in great need and will continue to accept non-perishable food items. COPE also has a freezer and a refrigerator so donations of vegetables fresh from the garden and frozen food is also welcome. For more information about COPE call Barb Votzke or Mandy Crosby at 905-871-2526.

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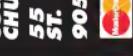
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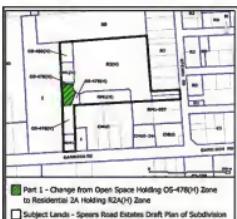
APPLICANT: UPPER CANADA CONSULTANTS

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FILE # 350309-0348

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 99-2014 on the 21st day of July, 2014 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 13th day of August, 2014, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.



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An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 99-2014 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands indicated as Part 1 on the location map shown above from "Open Space (OS-478H Holding Zone" to "Residential 2A (R2A) Holding Zone".

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 2014
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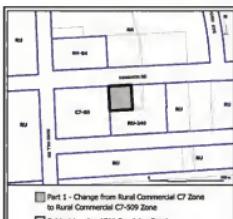
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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 99-2014 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands indicated on the location map shown above from "Rural Commercial (C7) Zone" to "Rural Commercial (C7-509) Zone". All of the provisions of By-law No. 129-90 as amended that related to lands zoned "Rural Commercial (C7) Zone" shall apply to those lands zoned "Rural Commercial (C7-509) Zone" except that a single detached dwelling which is not accessory to a commercial use is permitted on the lands.

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Karen Audeit takes a leap of faith

A funny thing happened at the end of June when I, of sound mind and relatively sound body, made the conscious decision to take a leap of faith by jumping out of a perfectly good airplane to plunge 14,000 feet in support of a fundraising event for South Niagara Life Centre Ministry.

Free falling for one minute at close to 200 kilometers per hour, followed a five minute descent cradled in the safety of my tandem partner's parachute, I discovered a new level of self-actualization.

I learned that pushing beyond my self-imposed and low-impact comfort zone was to be one of the most liberating, invigorating, and exhilarating experiences of my life.

Whether it was verve, nerve or just plain old adrenaline furiously pumping through my veins as I hurtled past the clouds, in one magnificent moment of slow-motion time, I felt bold and vitally alive. When the adventure came to a gentle landing back on earth I was excited and proud to have faced the unknown and emerged with a new

sense of my own limits and mortality.

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Teal reruns for regional council

Stephanie Azevedo
Special to The Times

Regional Councillor John Teal is re-running for Regional councillor.

He has spent 17 years serving on council, and was re-elected in 2010 after a 13 year hiatus.

Coming back, Teal says he's found the same "well motivated, co-operative colleagues" as when he left, and was positive this year had made substantial positive changes in the region.

One program includes taking advantage of the Lakefront Enhancement Initiative, which will split the cost of developing the waterfront 50/50. Fort Erie has already made two applications into program, one for \$25,000 and another for \$50,000.

Though it has yet to be approved, Teal says it has "the potential to be great." It will say it will maximize use of and public access to the waterfront. It will also help determine areas where it's worth public investment in waterfront.

Another major improvement is the removal and reconstruction of the Central Ave. Bridge which should take place around November this year.

A third improvement Teal sees is Dominion Rd. construction. Within five years, Teal says "Dominion Rd. should be completely dealt with, Craft and Buffalo Rd. will be reconstructed this year. All the other sections of Dominion have been evaluated in terms of condition."

Also coming up is a 2017 refit for Gilmore Lodge senior's complex, which was built in the 1960s. Teal

says that Fort Erie is beneficial to those 60 and older because living well in Fort Erie is cheaper than other areas. "I don't think there's any better place to be than Fort Erie or the region of Niagara. All of our tourism benefits, lifestyle benefits, proximity to the water [make it worthwhile]."

Teal says his term back was enjoyable. "I've always enjoyed the interplay of the various representatives. There are 31 people on a council, including the chairman."

"Niagara is a large place geographically. Therefore, not only do I get to look at the interests of the people of Fort Erie, but I also get to have input on issues that are region wide," he adds.

This he says, makes him a better public servant. "You learn from everyone you meet with, it's a very enrich-



Incumbent John Teal hopes to represent Fort Erie at the regional level following the Oct. 27 municipal election.

ing experience."

Teal hopes to continue with the progress council made this term.

"I always have great respect for my colleagues. I think we've made, as a council, a lot of progress. I hope we have disposed of some nagging issues. There's really a new approach taking place

at the region."

"I don't run against people. I run an office" Teal says of those running against him for a position in regional council.

"We're all here for the same reason: we're trying to make society better."

Teal was first elected to regional council in 1980, and

served until 1997.

During his time away from council, Teal served in the Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce. His interest in council was reignited after being tapped for 2009 Mayor Doug Martin's Mayor's Task Force to save services at the Douglas Memorial Hospital.

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Wilkie hopes for positive change in Ward 5

Stephanie Azevedo
Fort Erie Times

Mark Wilkie has added his name to the candidates for Ward 5 in the upcoming October election.

Wilkie is a small business owner, owning Blinds Plus. He was raised in Fort Erie, and has lived there for over 50 years.

His business is what provoked him to run for council.

"I want to see what I can do as an individual to change the interest and outlook in our town. My primary interest is taking care of Ward 5 and the surrounding area of the town."

In preparation for the election, Wilkie has been going door-to-door to better understand the electorate's point of view.

"If we can get everyone together working as a team we can get those ideas and change it around so we can get a better idea of what Fort Erie needs."

He is a champion of "letting the people decide,"

using social media networks in an attempt to both connect to the people and create a positive outlook for Fort Erie and ward 5. He's created a Facebook page called Being Positive in Ward 5, where he asks people to post their positive thoughts about the city.

He also takes polls to see what the people are thinking about topics of concern, including increased access to heritage points and beaches, and opinions about the condominiums on Erie Road in Crystal Beach.

"I've always had an interest in politics," he says. Yet he became more interested in applying for the ward when he heard that the council members "can't work as a team."

"I brought my interest to because of that infighting. People are saying they are tired of it. Let's get something done. I want to represent them and stand up for their rights, too."

"We have to have a positive outlook in Fort Erie or



Mark Wilkie

investors will look at the current situation and shy away if we have a positive outlook we can draw people here."

He says he believes the council needs to focus on getting new industry for Fort Erie and bringing people to live and stay in town, possibly by implementing some type of incentive program, similar to those of Buffalo or downtown Hamilton.

"There can be an number of different ways to do it, but we need to get the ball rolling and getting ideas

out there."

Another issue concerning Wilkie is the lack of voters in municipal elections.

"Voting turn out in the past last municipal election had only 41% turn out. There were only 52% in provincial elections."

"We're almost 11% lower than provincial standards. I want to get the people's interest. Get involved and participate, because everyone has their right to vote."

He says some voters think that special interest group votes are what really drive elections. "I'm not going to side with special interest groups, but I want to hear their opinions too. They're a part of Ward 5 and Fort Erie. Even though I might disagree on an issue, if the people are in favour, I have to take that into consideration. That's how I plan to run my election."

"We [Fort Erie] have a lot offer through history and culture. We need to let everybody know (about it) and get more exposure so that everything does change."

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- George McDermott
- Ward 2
- Rick Shular
- Ward 3
- Kimberly Zanko

- Ward 4
- Marina Butler
- John Hill
- Ward 5
- Steve Boyd
- Mark Wilkie
- Don Lubberts

Mayoral candidates

• Richard Berry

• Stephen Passero

• Wayne Redekop

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Sanctuary offers music and art camps

Melani Pyke invites children ages five to 10 to paint, play and have fun from July 28 to Aug. 1 at the arts facility in Ridgeway.

Well, well, well, summer is going way too fast for my taste.

So many things to enjoy and try like boat rides, swimming in the pool, bonfires and weddings.

And that is why we are trying to go easy on you in the musical department.

We know you are busy

having fun in the sun, so this week, I have only a few details I'd like to mention to you.

First of all, thank you so much for giving Jon and Roy such a great and warm welcome. It was a fabulous Wednesday night that could not have been any better.

I sincerely hope, we hear a lot more off them. Jon and Roy are one of my favourite Canadian bands.

Now here is the thing when booking shows. You spend what feels like hours researching and listening to lots of different bands to find just the right ones. We are talking quality in music and performance, a certain degree of popularity that you can afford, hoping what you love in music will translate and others will give it a listen at well.

I cannot tell you how nerve wrecking and



Nadine Pizzicarola

stressful our first shows were for us and our team. Are people going to come to see this show?

With some shows you just never know for certain what the outcome will be like.

Believe me when I say we truly try to present musical acts that are enjoyable and fun for you.

We always like to hear your ideas. So shoot us an email and we can talk about it.

Let's talk about Astrid Young.

I know you know she is Neil Young's sister, but she is also a big talent in her own right.

As her tour is shaping up, it became clear to us she is booking some really nice venues.

And we are lucky enough to be amongst them. I am very curious to meet Astrid in person and experience her voice and music live.

Astrid's band also features Victor Delorenzo from The Violent Femmes. Opening the night will be The Monkey 'Fightin' Snakes. Make sure you don't miss this show on July 31.

Miss Melani Pyke is inviting kids aged five to 12 to draw, paint and play art inspired games from July 28 to Aug. 1, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear 'Painters' clothes'. Included in the \$190 for the camp are snacks and all materials.

I'd like to also remind you of the Muppet Puppet Creation Camp with Abby Sheftel in August.

Do you remember the young lady who turned kids into superheroes at the Ridgeway Summer Fest?

She found such a simple and creative way to transform the kids that one can only be intrigued about what she can do with Muppet puppets.

What a fun way to create something that will keep your children entertained well into the winter time. The class runs over two weeks from Aug. 11 to 15 and Aug. 18 to 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will cost \$200 / \$180.

Kids 10 years and older will learn how to create their own Muppet Puppet creation made from foam and fur. Adults can participate as well. Members receive 10% off for the first child and 15% for the second child for all classes. To register or to get more information, please email the Arts Council to forteriearts council@forteriearts council.ca.

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From the gardener's journal: Be aware of danger in growing plants

Avoid Foxglove as its leaves and seeds are deadly to humans, cats, dogs, goats, cattle and horses

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

Such a wonderful week—
maybe not everyone likes
the rain and thunder
storms but I love to walk in
the rain and am so very
glad for these summer
showers and rainbows.

My dad and I in the
pastures and all my grow-
ing years he would tell us
how difficult it was to
watch the rain clouds come
and then pass by as the
land and crops parched
out.

He had a love for storms
that he shared with his
children and this love lingers
today. I think the earth
gives a collective sign when
the warm and steady rains
come.

Certainly the gardens are
growing madly this year—
all the lilies, roses and
hydrangeas, the vines and
even the small annuals
that looked like they would
struggle have become lush
and sturdy in growth.

The early vegetables are
ready and now is the time
to plant a second crop of
kale and spinach. And as
the summer heats up it is
nice to keep the pepper
and tomato and onions
cool with a little extra
compost.

The tomatoes will ripen
in sunshine but will welcome
cool feet! A little extra love and care helps to
refresh these living friends
that produce for us such
beauty and bounty.

At our home the excitement
has arrived with the
welcoming of our 15 month
old toddling grand daughter
who loves the great outdoors.
It has been a satis-

fying time as she gets to
know us again and we can
watch the world through
her eyes.

These eyes include a love
for bees in all forms. She is
so happy at the scents of the
herbs and has already
toured some of the walking
areas I created just for her
tiny feet.

The joy of a child in the
life of the earth and the
charm of living things is
unequalled in my thought.
And the wonder of genet-
ics—like her grandmother—
she loves rocks.

Having a little one in the
space again brought to
mind an awareness of the
'sometimes' danger of
growing things: here's a
short list to remind me,
and perhaps yourself that
beauty can be deadly too.

Avoid Foxglove, for
although they are pretty
the leaves and flowers and
seeds are deadly to
humans, cats, dogs, dogs
and cattle and horses.

Another one that comes
to mind is Daphne: all

parts of the plant dangerous
to humans and cats and dogs.

The other pretty one is
Bleeding Heart which is
also dangerous to humans
and cats & dogs. I have
allergies to some plants as
well and must be careful
when working with them,
so I think it is a good idea
to have a plan in place just
in case.

My plan includes anti-
histamines and an immediate
trip to the hospital.

My up north neighbour
always advised me to put
mud on the rash or sting as
this does slow the reaction.

However, the best course
is avoidance of the problem
plant or keeping wrapped up so there is no
skin contact when working
with the plants. I have not
allowed allergies to stop me
from my work with many
growing things. I just
think it is wise to be prepared.

At this middle stage of
growth and summer

warmth it is lovely to enjoy
all the preparations of
spring and last autumn.

It is at this time of year
we see that hard work
being magically beauti-
fied. Once again I say we
live in a lovely community
where I see everyone work-
ing even on the smallest
space with pride.

Each week we see a lovely
garden space featured
and there are many more
in town and the surround-

ing that are beautiful as
ing flowers.'

As we enjoy each lovely
summer day and warm
evening I thought I would
share this quote, "Nature
does not hurry, yet everything
is accomplished."

(Lao Tzu)

May we enjoy all our
accomplishments and
see what we see around us...

Ruth Vold Markle is a mem-
ber of the Fort Erie Garden
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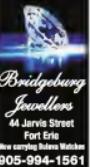
Bouquet for a neighbour

A bouquet for my neighbour who went far out of his way to drive my bike had a flat tire. What a guy!

Bouquet for Crystal Beach Memories Day

A bouquet for the organizers of Crystal Beach Memories Day. I visited Queen's Circle last Saturday and I thought it was a wonderful, well-planned event. Thank you to everyone who was involved. When I was a child growing up in Fort Erie, I couldn't wait for the summer so I could go to the park with my family. I have so many memories and it really was a special time for me. I loved looking at all the old photographs and cases in the news. It's awful.

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Brick for people who gossip

A brick for people who talk about other people behind their backs. I guess some parents never taught their children to not say anything if they didn't have anything nice to say. I know many acquaintances, neighbours, co-workers and even family members who talk about other people and say nasty things. I wish we didn't live in a world where this was the case. A bouquet for all the honest people out there who don't say terrible things about other people.

Bouquets for bouquet givers
A bouquet for all the people who find reasons to give other people bouquets each week. I love that people have an opportunity to express their gratitude to others. It would be nice if I never had to read another brick again.

Brick for irresponsible people

A brick to people who leave their children or their animals in the back seat of their car on hot days. I have read about a few

cases in the news. It's awful.

the sugar waffles sure brought back memories. What a wonderful event and I hope every else who attended also had a good time.

Brick for people who complain

Rob House
QMI Agency Niagara

It's a love-hate relationship — mosquitoes love us, we can't stand them.

Well, most humans can't stand them, Bryan Giordano being an exception.

The 24-year-old Brock University PhD student says while we may be a better target than pests that could potentially spread disease, mosquitoes have some redeeming qualities—birds, fish and other creatures consider them lunch.

These days, however, Giordano's days are occupied with the bad side of mosquitoes—the transmission of diseases.

He is part of mosquito expert Dr. Brock Fena Hunter's team of graduate students studying the pests. While most people do their darnest to avoid mosquitoes, Giordano is charged with attracting and catching them. He does get to kill them, though.

He said the study, which began in May, is to identify which mosquitoes in Ontario are the most efficient at transmitting diseases.

Of the 60 species of mosquitoes found in the province, Giordano said 13 are known carriers of West Nile, which they can transmit to humans via the bug's proboscis (the straw from which it sucks our blood).

"That's kind of important to note. A lot of people think all mosquitoes are out to get them, but that's not really true," Giordano said.

Mosquitoes get the virus after feeding on an infected bird. While most people infected with the virus --70%

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Brock student Bryan Giordano sets up a mosquito trap near Lake Gibson in Thorold.

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In one to two weeks, depending on water temperature, the larva morph into pupa, which then breach the water to take flight and wreak havoc on humans.

"The males will pop out first, then the females," Giordano said.

He did mosquitoes that don't die prematurely by the sweat of a hand or a collision with a windshield live to the ripe old age of three to five weeks.

In addition to West Nile virus, mosquitoes in Ontario can dogs heartworm disease and spread eastern equine encephalitis virus, commonly called Triple E. That virus is highly fatal to humans, as it causes brain inflammation.

"There's one on our radar now right now. It showed up in the Caribbean, it's called chikungunya," Giordano said. "That's a really nasty one from India or a decade or so."

The symptoms of chikungunya are similar to West Nile virus.

Giordano said since the Niagara Peninsula is a gateway to Ontario, he is also on the lookout for invasive species.

Niagara Region's manager of environmental health Peter Jekel said there have been no West Nile-carrying mosquitoes trapped to date at 21 sites across the region.

"So far this year, we've had no positives, no positive pools at all," he said.

Jekel said the pattern over the past few years saw the identification of positive pools in mid to late July. The Region sends the mosquitoes it traps to an independent lab for testing on a weekly basis.

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Jim Hill, superintendent of Heritage at Niagara Parks, Jan Briers, Governor of East-Flanders, Michel Vermaerke, president of the Royal Society for Agriculture and Botany in Belgium, and Mayor Doug Martin planted yellow roses at Old Fort Erie.



New rose symbolizes the War of 1812

Penny Coles
QMI Agency Niagara

In 1814, a single rose became the symbol of the Treaty of Ghent, the document that ended the War of 1812 after nearly three years of fighting and defined the border separating Canada and the U.S.

Last Wednesday—200 years after the treaty was signed—a ceremonial rose development expressly for the treaty was planted at Queenston Heights and Historic Fort Erie, both sites of significant battles in the War of 1812.

A delegation from Belgium on hand for the commemoration had travelled to Ottawa earlier in the week, where a rose was also planted. When it left Niagara, it headed for the Fort Niagara in Youngstown, N.Y., and Washington, D.C., for two more events commemorating the success of the treaty, which was signed in the Flemish city of Ghent Dec. 24, 1814.

Niagara Parks Commission chair Janice Thomson was at the ceremonial planting at Queenston Heights last Wednesday.

"This rose will be allowed to flourish on these grounds,

just as the friendships between Belgium, Canada and the U.S. have flourished over the last 200 years," she said.

Thomson referred to the relationship between Canada and the U.S. as a "friendship forged in fire" 200 years ago, and to the rose as a symbol of the friendship firmly established between the two countries and the community of Ghent.

The actual variety of the Peace Treaty Rose has been lost and forgotten over the past 200 years, the crowd gathered at Queenston Heights heard, so a special rose has been developed to be planted in the three countries this year.

Michel Vermaerke, president of the Royal Society for Agriculture and Botany in Belgium, began the quest for the perfect rose about three years ago.

Although his home country is noted for its horticultural expertise, he said, he went to an American company to cultivate the rose—one that would be similar to the original, but harder in this climate and more disease-resistant.

Although the original rose, which was just gaining pop-

ularity in Europe at the time, "might have been pink," he said, yellow was chosen for the commemorative plant.

"The rose is now the queen of flowers," he said.

"And we know this one that has been created for this occasion will withstand the test of time, just as the treaty has. We chose yellow because it's the colour of joyfulness, happiness, freedom and ultimately peace. The living rose is also about renewal, and of course every rose has its thorn."

"That makes us think about war and peace, and the importance of peace, friendship and cooperation going hand in hand with joy and happiness."

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LYME DISEASE: WHAT MAKES IT TICK?

As temperatures begin to finally rise across southern Ontario after several weeks of gloomy weather, many Niagara residents are eager to bring out their summer wardrobe. However, it doesn't take long before we quickly remember that along with the summer heat comes the return of mosquitoes, spiders, and ticks. In Ontario, most residents are well informed about the illnesses mosquitoes can spread and ways of protecting yourself. But how informed are we about ticks?

There are many different species of ticks; however, the one that is of concern is the blacklegged tick, also known as the deer tick. This sesame seed sized tick can be the host to the bacteria that can cause Lyme disease, which, if untreated, can result in arthritis, heart problems, and various nervous system problems. The American brown dog tick is approximately half a centimeter and has not been shown to carry Lyme disease.

The Niagara region has a high concentration of ticks, especially in the areas surrounding Lake Erie. The Niagara Health Department recommends wearing pants and long sleeved shirts when walking in wooded areas to minimize the chances of a tick bite.

If you notice a tick has attached to your skin, it should be removed immediately by grabbing the head with a pair of tweezers and pulling straight up. Do not try to burn the tick off of the skin using a match or lighter. The area should be then be washed with soap and water. If you are unable to remove the entire tick, you should give your doctor a call and they can remove it for you. The tick can be brought to the health department for analysis to see if it was infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Ticks often pick up the bacteria that cause Lyme disease while feeding on infected rodents. However, it should be noted that most ticks are not carriers.

The majority of people who are bitten by ticks do not develop Lyme disease, however if you notice a red bullseye rash on the skin, develop a fever, headache or muscle and joint pains, you should seek medical attention. The symptoms typically develop within 1 to 2 weeks of a bite. Lyme disease can often be cured with antibiotics if treatment is started early.

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MAKER CLUB: KNITTING

During the summer, the ladies of the Ridge Road Women's Institute are taking a well-earned rest, but if you are 8 - 14 years old and want to practice knitting, here's your chance. Every Thursday at Crystal Ridge, we set aside space for young knitters. Bring your own needles and yarn and work on your projects here. Crystal Ridge branch, July 24, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

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in our EurekaSpace: Lego, Rainbow Loom, paper crafts, art projects, summer science and a bit of technology thrown in there. It's lots to do, just bring your Eureka! with you and get up. \$2. Centennial branch, July 29, 3pm - 4pm. July 30, 10:30am - 11:30am. Stevensville branch, July 31, 3pm - 4pm.

GOLF GALA

A Night For the Library, on July 23 from 7-10 pm. There will be many fun prizes, including a bottle of sparkling wine, a silent auction and more. Casual dress, golf shirts encouraged. Tickets \$30 at any library branch, email friends@fepl.ca, or call 905-894-1941. Funds raised will go towards a toddler play feature for the Crystal Ridge Branch. Centennial branch.

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Andrea Menig, right, recently celebrated her graduation from the Adult Literacy Council of Fort Erie. Menig suffered from a brain aneurysm in 1991 and had to relearn how to read and write with help from her tutor, Lynda Goodridge.

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COMMUNITY MEAL

and Community Kitchen information session. The Fort Erie Food Security Network is holding a Community Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 23rd, 2014 from 11-1pm. Learn about a recent funding announcement for a community kitchen in Fort Erie. Learn about the work of the Fort Erie Food Security Network and how we are advocating for food security in the Niagara region.

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Poverty REDUCTION

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Junior B team welcomes Rob Hubbert as head coach

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Rob Hubbert has been given the privilege of coaching the Fort Erie Meteor's during its upcoming season.

The junior B team's newest coach doesn't take his new responsibility lightly.

"I think we forget what we're doing and think it's all about winning," Hubbert

said.

"I think it's about what you can give back. It's a privilege to play a sport. It's a privilege to coach."

Hubbert is no stranger to coaching hockey. He has 15 years of coaching experience, coaching Welland and Port Colborne's Junior B teams.

For the last three years, Hubbert has been guiding the Junior C Chippawa Riverhawks.

Hubbert has played competitive sports his "whole life" and he wanted to pass on the knowledge he was taught as a player.

"When I was growing up, my mom and dad really instilled values in me like listening to your coach."

"At the end of the day, I think sports are a privilege and when things are a privilege, you respect them."

Meteors' owner Tony

Passero approached Hubbert and asked him to take the lead after head coach Chris Johnstone announced he would be stepping down after this past season.

Passero said he reached out to Hubbert about a month ago "to feel him out" to see if he was interested in coaching the Meteors this year.

"We had a meeting and we decided this past week and decided to give him the job," Passero said.

Passero wasn't concerned when Johnstone announced his retirement.

"I've been in the hospital for six or seven weeks recovering from some health issues so I wasn't thinking about it yet and I wasn't worried," Passero said.

"After 25 years of coaching hockey, (Johnstone) had enough."

"We had no intentions of letting him go but (Johnstone) made the decision to leave."

"This is an exciting young team and I think we'll put together a good team and good program."

Hubbert credits Johnstone and fellow head coach Groulx for solidifying a strong foundation for Fort Erie's junior B team.

"They were two pretty good coaches."

Recommending for this year's camp of Meteors is well underway but Hubbert can't predict what type of team Fort Erie will be this year.

"Until I get out there, I have no idea what we are going to have and where we are going to be."

Hubbert said he is looking for local players "that want to be there."

"We want guys that want to be a Meteor," he added.

"I do think we will be competitive this year and we will work hard."

Hubbert believes the key to a successful hockey season is fun.

"We'll come to work hard

every day, but if you're not having fun, then there is something wrong."

Discipline is also an important trait Hubbert wants every player to have.

"I want discipline. I'm not looking for guys that fly off the handle. Discipline is half of the issue," he said.

"If you're disciplined, you could win hockey games strictly on power plays."

Hubbert said coaching is "in his blood" and during his time involved with the junior B league, he has made many friends.

"Louis Savona believed in me years ago. He believed in I was and what I could bring."

With more than a decade of experience and a few championships under his belt, Passero said Hubbert's resume "is definitely something" the Meteors were looking for.

"(Hubbert) is a motivator and in an interview with him, he showed us he's all about teaching the kids. It's something I really look forward this season."

"(Hubbert) fits the Meteors like a glove," Passero added.

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U9 Blues take championship title



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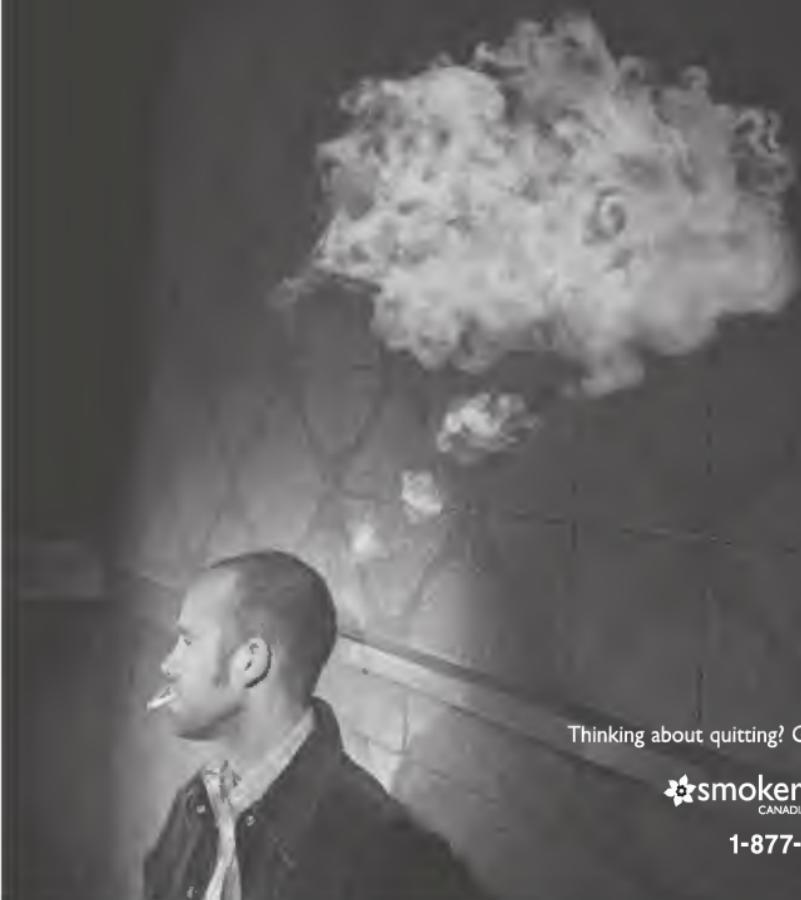
The U9 division of Ridgeway Hockey held its championship game at the Ridgeway Hockey rink in Ridgeway and the Blues defeat the Bruins for the title.

U12 Pens finish in first



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA RUTH BEAN

All persons having claims against the estate of **PATRICIA RUTH BEAN**, late of the Town of St. Catharines in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on the 28th day of May, 2014, are notified to send demands for payment to the Undesignated Estate Trustee at 29 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 5M6. If the debts are not paid, the undesignated will then file a claim to the assets of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate of **PATRICIA RUTH BEAN**, late of Niagara Falls, ON, L2G 1Z2 are also notified to file demands for payment to the Undesignated Estate Trustee at 29 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 5M6. If the debts are not paid, the undesignated will then file a claim to the assets of the estate.

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SKERRETT, Neal - January 29, 1944 - July 18, 2014 - Celebrating a Life of Family and Friends, Community and Principles. Born in Brampton, raised in Crystal Beach, a lifelong resident of Fort Erie. Son of Audrey and Phil with older brothers Gary, Brian and little sister Debby. (deceased 1994). Neal was born in 1944 in St. Catharines, Ontario, the (first) Disotto father of Carol and John (Arlen). A nightshift by trade, operated the family business of Armcn Machinery - out of the large Quonset building on Gorham Road in Ridgeway. During the 80's he formed a company which operated successfully for many years. In the late 70's joined the Kinenmen Club to help raise funds to build a seniors residence. In 1977 the first tenants moved in to the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Senior's Condominiums. He did not know at the time - his relationship with the building and more importantly its residents would continue for the rest of his life. He was also a member of #15 Dominion Masonic Lodge.

In the '80's Neal served as an Alderman and was a member of the Parks, Recreation and Planning Committee. Over the years, he played many roles at the seniors building including CEO. Those who lived at 3911 Rebstock Road, found a friend they could count on in Neal. He often drove people to appointments, provided a smile and just sit and listen. He love to go fishing. Neal fulfilled a secret dream he had since he was 20 years old when he and Elaine purchased the old Boy Scout camp. Many family events have been held in that special place over the years. Many family and friends family wedding were hosted there. It is a peaceful quiet place where nature abounds. Neal lived his life the way he wanted. He stayed true to his values and that which he held most dear. His wife, his grandchildren, sons and Royce were the apple of his eye, his children, in which he always believed, his loyal wife of 49 years and his brothers who both shared their own bonds with Neal. In the end a person is only known by the impact they had on others. Please remember calling the office of Neal Skerrett. Visitation was held at the WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME Ridgeway. Funeral Services will be held at St. John's Anglican Church, Ridgemount Road, Ridgeway on Thursday morning 10 am. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made at www.canadianlungfibrosis.ca/

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SIDER, Arnold - Arnold passed away surrounded by family at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Saturday July 19th 2014 and is now reunited with his wife Donna (nee Campbell 2013) safe in arms of their Lord. Proud father of Dianne (Tony) Sider, Kathryn (Mel) Abbott and Jeff (Cathy) Sider. Grandfather of Matthew, Michael, (Allieh) and Matthew and great grandfather of Reilly. He is the cherished brother of Alma Marr, Ruth (Ray) Lofthouse, Stan Sider and Carol Stayzer. Predeceased by his brother in law Roy and Orin and sister-in-law Mable. Also survived by his many nieces and nephews and extended family. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie constructed will arrangements. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 25th from 2-4 p.m. Funeral Services will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow in McAfee Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Cannons win a special night

Senior men's
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Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Cannons put on a show last Wednesday night, defeating the Welland Chiefs 5-1.

On a night where the main focus was about raising money for Alivia's Rainbows, a local charity that helps families dealing with pediatric cancer, the

great people of Fort Erie and Welland came to the park to support this very important charity fundraiser.

Over 300 people were in attendance, and thanks to the great sponsors, local businesses, supporters, friends and family of both teams, a total of \$3560 was raised for Alivia's Rainbows.

The fans did their part, and so did both teams as Cannon's starter Cam Hall making his first start of the season won pitch for pitch with Chiefs starter Wayne Procyshyn.

Both starters held the offense to one run each

after 4 innings. That's when hometown hero Pat' Meatball' Giampaolo decided to give the fans a treat, by cracking two home runs in the fourth and sixth innings, en route to the 5-1 victory.

This is the second fundraiser the last two years that the Cannons and Chiefs have hosted, and they want to make it an annual event.

Coach Justin Hall said "With all the support that both teams and Alivia's Rainbows received (last Wednesday), it would be amazing to host this game every year. We want to make it bigger and better each coming year."

The Cannons want to

thank the Welland Chiefs, the local businesses for their donations, He's Not Here for the barbecue, JP Neapolitan for the ice cream stand, the Niagara District Umpire Association, Mr. Maves, and all the fans who were in attendance.

The fundraiser would not have been a success without you all!

The next home game Wednesday against Thorold but results were not available before press time.

For more information about the charity and how it helps families or to make a donation to Alivia's Rainbows visit online at www.aliviasrainbows.com.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Cannons raised \$3,560 for Alivia's Rainbows, a local non-profit charity that provides assistance to families with children battling cancer. From left are Clayton Hall, of the Cannons, Chantal Vanderkeld, Katelyn Vanderkeld and Craig Vanderkeld from Alivia's Rainbows, and Cannons members Cam Hall and Frank Lorio.



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